

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present one or more compressed data streams;

5 a control server separate from said drive server and configured to present a particular one of said one or more compressed data streams received from said drive server on a particular one of a plurality of busses as determined by a particular one of a plurality of request signals;

10 one or more decoder devices connected to said busses, at least one of said one or more decoder devices being disposed in a separate room from said control server and said drive server, each of said one or more decoder devices being configured to decode at least one of said one or more compressed data streams received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video
15 signal and a decoded audio signal; and

one or more navigation software modules executable on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to generate one or more control signals that program a respective one of said one or more decoder devices in response to
20 one or more user options entered at said respective decoder device.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options are remotely controlled by a user.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more decoder devices are configured to enter a diagnostic mode in response to receiving a particular one of said one or more control signals from said control server.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said drive server generates a plurality of said compressed data streams that may each be presented to two or more of said decoder devices.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 6 1, wherein said one or more ~~plurality of~~ compressed data streams are ~~presented to said decoder devices in response to~~ parsed by said one or more navigation software modules.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of busses comprises at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses and (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

9. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more compressed data streams is selected from the group consisting of a digital television (DTV) signal, a satellite signal, and a cable signal.

10. (CANCELED)

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12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:
a drive server configured to present one or more DVD bitstreams;

a control server separate from said driver server and
5 configured to present said one or more DVD bitstreams received from said drive server on a plurality of cables in response to one or more first remotely generated request signals;

one or more decoder devices connected to said cables, at
least one of said one or more decoder devices being disposed in a
10 separate room from said control server and said driver server, each

of said one or more decoder devices being configured to decode at least one of said one or more DVD bitstreams received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal;

15 one or more navigation software modules executable on said control server; and

 one or more decoder control circuits within said control server, each of said decoder control circuits being configured to control a respective one of said one or more navigation software
20 modules for programming of a respective one of said one or more decoder devices.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, ~~further comprising wherein (i) each of said one or more navigation software modules (i) controlled by said one or more decoder control circuit and (ii) is~~ configured to generate one or
5 more control signals, ~~wherein and (ii)~~ said one or more decoder devices are configured to generate said at least one of said decoded video signal and said decoded audio signal in ~~further~~ response to said one or more control signals.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for distributing video, comprising the steps of:

(A) presenting one or more compressed data streams with a drive server to a control server separate from said drive server;

5 (B) distributing said one or more compressed data streams from said control server to one or more decoder devices across a plurality of busses in response to one or more request signals;

10 (C) decoding at least one of said one or more compressed data streams with said one or more decoders;

(D) presenting at least one signal selected from a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal in response to decoding said at least one of said one or more compressed data streams, wherein at least one of said one or more decoders is
15 disposed in a separate room from said control server and said driver server; and

(E) executing one or more navigation software modules on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program
20 a respective one of said one or more decoder devices in response to one or more user options entered at said respective decoder device and (ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data streams.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, wherein said said plurality of busses comprise at least two of

(i) one or more universal serial busses or (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 14, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

17. (CANCELED)

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19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each of said cables comprise a serial bus.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising one or more display devices, each of said display devices being disposed within a couple of feet of a respective one of said one or more decoder devices.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request, a pause request and a stop request.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one decoder device comprises a plurality of decoding elements capable of decoding a plurality of ~~visual~~ video standards, respectively.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a supplemental decoder coupled to said at least one decoder device through a serial interface to receive said at least one compressed data stream through said serial interface.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said supplemental decoder comprises:

a decoder circuit; and

5 a state machine configured to control a plurality of read operations and a plurality of write operations sent to said decoder circuit.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request, a pause request and a stop request.